

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An imaging apparatus comprising:

an imaging means unit for imaging an object and outputting a video signal;
output terminal units for outputting the video signal in different formats including a first output format and a second output format;

a generation means unit for generating ~~a plurality of types of~~ capture assist marks to be synthesized with ~~[[a]] the~~ video signal output, the capture assist marks including a first capture assist mark corresponding to the first output format and a second capture assist mark corresponding to the second output format from the imaging means;

a synthesis means unit for synthesizing ~~[[a]] the~~ capture assist mark marks generated by the generation means with the video signal from the imaging means;

an acceptance means unit for accepting an instruction input about the capture assist mark marks;

a control means unit for controlling the output of the video signal by the output terminal units, the controlling comprising:

determining a format of the different formats used by one of the output terminal units; and

controlling the generation means unit and the synthesis means unit, based on (i) the instruction input accepted through the acceptance means unit and (ii) the determined format of the different formats, to synthesize one or more of the

~~capture control marks for the one of the output terminal units and controlling a capture assist mark corresponding to the instruction input so as to be synthesized with the video signal;~~
~~a plurality of output terminal units which uses different formats to output video signals output from the imaging means;~~
~~wherein the generation means generates the capture assist marker in accordance with a format of the video signal to be supplied to each of the plurality of output terminal units; and~~
~~wherein the synthesis means synthesizes the corresponding capture assist mark with the video signal to be supplied to each of the plurality of output terminal units.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1 comprising:
~~a selection input acceptance means unit for accepting selection input of a plurality of capture modes to output the video signal in different formats generate differently formatted video signals; and~~
~~a capture mode change means unit for controlling the imaging means unit in accordance with the selection input accepted through the selection input acceptance means unit and enabling a selected capture mode,~~
~~wherein the control means unit controls the generation means unit so as to generate the capture assist mark in accordance with the selected capture mode.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1 comprising:

a selection input acceptance ~~means~~ unit for accepting selection input of a plurality of capture modes to output the video signal in different formats ~~generate differently-formatted video signals~~; and

a capture mode change ~~means~~ unit for controlling the imaging ~~means~~ unit in accordance with the selection input accepted through the selection input acceptance ~~means~~ unit and enabling a selected capture mode,

wherein the control ~~means~~ unit controls whether or not to synthesize a capture assist mark generated by the generation ~~means~~ unit in accordance with the selected capture mode.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the acceptance ~~means~~ unit can accept selection input of a capture assist mark generated at least from the ~~plurality of types of~~ capture assist marks.

6. (Currently Amended) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1 comprising:
change input acceptance ~~means~~ unit for directly accepting input for a change between displaying and hiding the ~~plurality of~~ capture assist marks as a whole generated by the generation ~~means~~ unit; and

change control ~~means~~ unit for changing between displaying and hiding the ~~plurality of~~ capture assist marks as a whole in accordance with the change input accepted through the change input acceptance ~~means~~ unit.

7. (Currently Amended) A capture assist mark usage control method for an imaging apparatus having an imaging ~~means~~ unit for imaging an object image and capturing the same as a video signal, wherein the method is used for synthesizing a capture assist mark with a video signal captured by the imaging ~~means~~ unit and comprises:

accepting an instruction input about the capture assist mark;

determining a format of different formats that will be used to output the video signal;

generating N (N is 1 or larger integer) types of capture assist markers in accordance with (i) the ~~accepted~~ instruction input and (ii) the determined format ~~accepted through the acceptance step~~; and

synthesizing N types of capture assist marks generated at the generation step with the video signal from the imaging ~~means,~~ unit; and

outputting the video signal in the different formats by an output unit for each of the different formats

~~wherein a plurality of output terminal units to output a video signal corresponding to the video signal captured by the imaging means are provided;~~

~~wherein generating comprises generating a capture assist mark in accordance with a format of the video signal supplied to each of the plurality of output terminal units;~~
and

~~wherein the synthesis step synthesizes the corresponding capture assist mark with the video signal to be supplied to each of the plurality of output terminal units.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The capture assist mark usage control method according to claim 7 comprising:

accepting selection input of a plurality of capture modes to generate differently formatted video signals; and

controlling the imaging ~~means~~ unit in accordance with the selection input ~~accepted through the selection input acceptance means~~ and enabling a selected capture mode,

wherein the generation step controls generation of the capture assist mark in accordance with the selected capture mode.

9. (Currently Amended) The capture assist mark usage control method according to claim 7 comprising:

accepting selection input of a plurality of capture modes to generate differently formatted video signals; and

controlling the imaging ~~means~~ unit in accordance with the selection input ~~accepted through the selection input acceptance means~~ and enabling a selected capture mode,

wherein the synthesis step controls synthesis of the capture assist mark in accordance with the selected capture mode.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Original) The capture assist mark usage control method according to claim 7,

wherein the acceptance step accepts input for selecting a capture assist mark to be generated at least from a plurality of types of capture assist marks.

12. (Previously Presented) The capture assist mark usage control method according to claim 7 comprising:

accepting input for a change between displaying and hiding the plurality of capture assist marks as a whole generated at the generation step; and

changing between displaying and hiding the plurality of capture assist marks as a whole in accordance with the change input accepted at the change input acceptance step.

13. (Currently Amended) An imaging apparatus comprising:

an imaging unit for imaging an object and outputting a video signal;

~~a plurality of~~ output terminal units which use different formats to output video signals output from the imaging unit,

a generation unit for generating, in accordance with a format of the video signal to be supplied to each of the ~~plurality of~~ output terminal units, a plurality of types of capture assist marks ~~to be synthesized with a video signal output from the imaging unit;~~

a synthesis unit for synthesizing the generated capture assist marks with the video signal to be supplied to each of the plurality of output terminal units;

an acceptance unit for accepting an instruction input about the capture assist mark; and

a control unit for controlling the output of the video signal by the output terminal units, the controlling comprising:

determining a format for one of the output terminal units; and

controlling the generation unit and the synthesis unit based on (i) the accepted instructions and (ii) the determined format, to synthesize one or more of the capture control marks for the one of the output terminal units and controlling-
~~a capture assist mark corresponding to the instruction input so as to be synthesized with the video signal.~~

14. (Previously Presented) The imaging apparatus according to claim 13 comprising:

a selection input acceptance unit for accepting selection input of a plurality of capture modes to generate differently formatted video signals; and

a capture mode change unit for controlling the imaging unit in accordance with the accepted selection input and enabling a selected capture mode,

wherein the control unit controls the generation unit so as to generate the capture assist mark in accordance with the selected capture mode.

15. (Previously Presented) The imaging apparatus according to claim 13 comprising:

selection input acceptance unit for accepting selection input of a plurality of capture modes to generate differently formatted video signals; and

capture mode change unit for controlling the imaging unit in accordance with the selection input accepted through the selection input acceptance unit and enabling a selected capture mode,

wherein the control unit controls whether or not to synthesize a capture assist mark in accordance with the selected capture mode.

16. (Currently Amended) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the acceptance unit is configured to accept selection input of a capture assist mark generated at least from the ~~plurality of types of~~ capture assist marks.

17. (Currently Amended) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1 comprising:

a change input acceptance unit for directly accepting input for a change between displaying and hiding the ~~plurality of~~ capture assist marks as a whole generated by the generation unit; and

a change control unit for changing between displaying and hiding the ~~plurality of~~ capture assist marks as a whole in accordance with the change input accepted through the change input acceptance unit.